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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DDCI

SUBJECT: IG Report on NPIC

1. The size of the total package is formidable, but this is an important survey with significant long-range implications. Also the level of controlled emotion in [] response merits attention.

2. Jim's transmittal memo dated 5 August summarizes the recommendations. Vol. I (brown cover, thinner one) contains the Overview and Major Issues. The NPIC response to the recommendations is next, dated 27 June; [] agonized but well articulated personal observations are separately packaged, with a 3 March transmittal. I think you should read all of the above.

3. The two thickest packages are the basic IG report (Vol. II, brown cover) and the formal NPIC response, dated 3 March. After reading the para. 2 material, you might want to dig into these, but you can get the thrust of the issues, the reclaims and the areas of agreement without these latter items.

4. As I said to you earlier, and repeated to the IG, even with months of impassioned dialogue and editing, there is too much ad hominem commentary in the report. That aside, [] has accepted a good bit of what was suggested, and much has been overtaken by events.

5. The discussion which I think this should trigger is: what is the basic mission of NPIC today (and tomorrow), compared with yesterday? How does it deal with the continuously blurring line between strategic and tactical, national and departmental, specifically in the context of intelligence support to Theater Commanders? And what is the impact of their burgeoning requirements on CIA, as an institution?

6. DCI/DDCI action is requested on Recommendations 1-6; DDS&T action is solicited for Recommendations 7-12, with 13-15 overtaken by events. [] concurs in all four parts of Recommendation 1 and in Recommendation 6. He concurs in Recommendation 2 but disagrees, in Recommendation 2.b., with the conclusions concerning adequacy of NPIC's data base. This is a basic issue with regard to the mission of NPIC. He concurs, in part, in Recommendation 3 but makes alternative suggestions which I think are valid and I suggest that you endorse.

7. He does not concur in Recommendations 4 or 5; in fact, "takes strong exception" to them. Again, I believe that his counter-proposals are balanced and worth your endorsing. The debate over 3rd phase reporting is another of those fundamental issues, part of the deliberation of future mission in an increasingly near-real-time world.

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